



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Michelle M. HANNA

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For: **Molecular Detection Systems
Utilizing Reiterative
Oligonucleotide Synthesis**

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Examiner: Kim, Young J.

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**Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
(Which Accompanies an RCE Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114)**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 28, 2006, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently herewith. Accordingly, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(d), the finality of the November 28, 2006 Office Action should be withdrawn, and the present Response entered and considered.